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RESUMES SPEAKING. DURING THE SILENCE, THE CAMERA SWITCHES TO THE AUDIENCE AND RETURNS TO HIM WHEN HE BEGINS TO SPEAK AGAIN.

CHERNENKO SAYS THAT IT COULD BE POSSIBLE REACH AGREEMENT ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HE SAYS THE USSR IS PREPARED TO RESPECT NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NO ARMS IN SPACE, AND THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE REDUCED AND EVENTUALLY COMPLETELY LIQUIDATED IN ALL THEIR FORMS ON AN EQUITABLE BASIS. HE ADDS THAT THE USSR IS READY TO COME TO AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES ON THIS BASIS.

HE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT ALL THE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE OWED TO THE WORK OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND EXPRESSES WISHES FOR FURTHER ADVANCEMENT. AT 1547 GMT CHERNENKO'S SPEECH ENDS TO PROLONGED APPLAUSE. HE IS SHOWN AT LONG DISTANCE WALKING BACK FROM THE ROSTRUM. THE AUDIENCE ALL STAND, AS DO THE PRESIDUM, INCLUDING CHERNENKO, WHO IS THE FIRST TO SIT DOWN.

AT 1550 GMT PROKOFEYEV GIVES A VOTE OF THANKS, WHILE THE CAMERA SHOWS CHERNENKO SCRATCHING BEHIND HIS EAR AND COUGHING, AND GRISHIN SPEAKING TO CHERNENKO, WHO ACKNOWLEDGES HIM WITH A GESTURE OF THE HEAD. AS PROKOFEYEV CALLS ON ALL TO VOTE FOR CHERNENKO THERE IS PROLONGED APPLAUSE. AT 1553 GMT THE MEETING IS DECLARED CLOSED. THE PRESIDUM, INCLUDING CHERNENKO, ALL STAND, AND THE CAMERA SWINGS FROM THEM TO THE AUDIENCE. 15 1554 GMT THE RELAY ENDS.

BUREAU CONTINUES TO FILE THE MOSCOW TASS ENGLISH VERSION OF CHERNENKO'S SPEECH, AND WILL ADVISE LATER OF FURTHER PROCESSING PLANS. SCRA/DR 02/1642Z MAR

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MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE AND MOSCOW TELEVISION SERVICE AT 1519

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GMT CONTINUE LIVE COVERAGE OF CHERNENKO'S SPEECH. CHERNENKO CONTINUES TO SPEAK, GAINING STRENGTH IN DELIVERY, AND AT 1523 GMT A MAN BRINGS A GLASS OF AMBER LIQUID TO HIM AT THE ROSTRUM, REMOVING A SIMILAR GLASS.

CHERNENKO SPEAKS OF THE JUNE PLENUM DECISIONS, THE NEED FOR THE ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO BE IMPROVED AND THE WORKING MASSES' INITIATIVE TO BE ENCOURAGED. HE EXPRESSES INDIGNATION AT IDLERS AND DRUNKARDS, SAYING THAT AN IRRESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARD WORK MUST NOT BE TOLERATED. HE ADDS THAT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION WILL CONTINUE. HE SPEAKS OF THE EDUCATION REFORM AND FOREIGN CRITICISM OF IT.

CHERNENKO OBSERVES THAT CITIZENS ARE BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE AFFAIRS, SAYING THAT ATTEMPTS TO SUPPRESS CRITICISM SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. HE REMARKS THAT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS NOW WORKING ON THE NEW EDITION OF THE PARTY'S PROGRAM, SAYING THAT THE LENINIST STYLE OF WORK IS A SPIRITUAL REQUIREMENT, DENOUNCING ARROGANCE IN MANAGERS, AND URGING PARTY MEMBERS TO SET A PERSONAL EXAMPLE. THOSE MANAGERS NOT UP TO THESE PRINCIPLES SHOULD NOT BE IN MANAGEMENT POSTS, CHERNENKO STATES. HE DENOUNCES THE TREND OF SETTING UP MANY COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS.

TURNING TO FOREIGN POLICY, CHERNENKO REMARKS THAT LAST YEAR THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE AGGRESSIVE TENDENCIES OF IMPERIALISM, HUMAN RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED AND THERE WERE INVASIONS OF LEBANON AND GRENADA. ON THE U.S. MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES IN WEST EUROPE HE SAYS THAT "THIS OBLIGES US TO GIVE MOST SERIOUS ATTENTION TO STRENGTHENING OUR DEFENSE," AND THAT "NO LOVERS OF MILITARY ADVENTURES WILL CATCH US UNAWARES, NO AGGRESSOR WILL AVOID A CRUSHING RETURN STRIKE." HE ADDS THAT THE USSR'S PROPOSALS ARE REALISTIC AND GAINING SUPPORT. HE STRESSES SUPPORT FOR CUBA, NOTING THE USEFULNESS OF CONTACTS WITH IT. HE SAYS THE DANGERS OF IMPERIALIST POLICIES ARE EVER MORE APPARENT, COMMENTING THAT MILLIONS ARE TAKING PART IN ANTI-WAR MOVEMENTS IN WEST EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE. CHERNENKO STATES: "WE HOPE TO TURN EVENTS BACK INTO THE PATH OF DETENTE, FURTHERING THE CAUSE OF PEACE, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION." HE SAYS THAT THE USSR OPPOSES THE BUILDUP OF MILITARY ARSENALS, BUT THE UNITED STATES IS BLOCKING ITS PROPOSALS.

AS HE SPEAKS OF THE UNITED STATES HAVING OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW GOOD WILL IF IT WISHES, CHERNENKO SEEMS TO LOSE HIS PLACE. THERE IS A 5-6 SECOND PAUSE, THE AUDIENCE APPLAUDS, AND CHERNENKO

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